

Editorial Comment

Former Senator James Gordon who filled a vacancy in the Senate from Mississippi for 57 days prior to Feb. 22, 1910, is dead at the age of 79 years. He was a Confederate veteran and a quaint and patriarchal old man and at his special request was permitted to make a "good will" speech that made him famous.

A Jew named Abrahamson saved the day for the Servians at the battle of Kopruliu. In a desperate charge against the Turks the colonel, several other officers and the color bearer fell, when Abrahamson seized the color standard and crying, "Come on boys, follow me," led the Servians to victory.

Justine Masson, the largest woman in the world, has just died in an insane asylum at Montreal. She weighed 780 pounds. The only person known to have outweighed her was Chaucer Morelan who died at Elkwood, Ind., last May, weighed 853 pounds.

Albert T. Patrick, a New York lawyer thrice sentenced to death for murder, his last sentence commuted to life imprisonment, was pardoned by Gov. Dix Wednesday, after serving ten years. He says his first work will be to establish his innocence.

Virginians to the number of 100,000, men and women, petitioned Gov. Maun to save the life of Claude Allen, sentenced to be hanged with his father Dec. 13. If his uncle Signa got only a life sentence, it is hardly worth while to hang the boy.

A company has been incorporated at Milwaukee to manufacture artificial milk out of timothy hay. The product is to be called Synthis. It is said to be an improvement over the real article, as it will not sour and does not have to be churned.

An aged negro at Bound Brook, N. J., gave his life for a Thanksgiving turkey. He got out of bed, rowed down the river four miles, stole the turkey from a farmer, took to his bed and died before he could taste the stolen turkey.

Illinois has three men born in 1807. They are Dosamus Page, of Joliet; Harrison Ingham, of Hoopston and Avery Dalton, of Elmwood. Ingham is the last survivor of the Black Hawk war and is a musician.

Young Mrs. John Jacob Astor has added a "beauty parlor" to the New York mansion left her by the late Colonel. As she loses the \$2,000,000 when she marries again, the addition may get her into trouble.

Gov. Wilson has written Mr. Bryan a letter asking for a conference upon his return from Bermuda. The President-elect evidently knows who made his nomination a certainty at Baltimore.

Thirty girl students at home enjoying Thanksgiving, lost their entire wardrobes by the burning of a dormitory at Shurtleff College, Mo. Some of them did not have a single one left.

A Long Island girl who went to Fresno, Cal., to wed a "Capitalist" who advertised for a wife, passed him up when she found him a club-footed waiter in a restaurant. She didn't even live him a tip.

Twenty-one old persons whose ages averaged 78 years held a reunion at New Florence, Mo., to celebrate the 70th marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cobb, both past 90.

Frank B. Williams, a millionaire lumberman at New Orleans, has balked on paying a Louisiana surgeon \$20,000 for removing his appendix. He offers to pay \$5,000.

President Victoria of San Domingo has stopped a revolution by resigning, because he couldn't spell his name with a "y."

A sixty-pound turkey was a feature of the St. Louis poultry show.

SENSATIONAL
SUIT FILED

Mrs. Marcus Merritt Sues Mrs. A. H. Edwards For Heavy Damages.

HER MOTHER MADE PARTY.

Charged With Alienation of the Affections of Her Husband.

Saturday afternoon a sensational damage suit was filed in Circuit Court by Mrs. Marcus Merritt against Mrs. Dr. A. H. Edwards and her mother, Mrs. Lulu R. Shelby. It came as a climax to a sensation that has stirred the city for two months and resulted in the removal of Policeman Marcus Merritt from the police force on Nov. 12. The petition filed is given in full: Mrs. Emma Merritt,

vs.
Louise Edwards,
and Lulu R. Shelby.

Plaintiff states that she is a resident of Hopkinsville and Christian county, Ky., and is over the age of 21 years. She states that she and Marcus W. Merritt became husband and wife on — day of — 19—, that since that time there have been born to her of said marriage four children, all of whom are now living; that until the — day of — 1912 she and her said husband and their four little children were a happy and contented family, living together as such in their humble home in the city of Hopkinsville, in said county and state; that until said time she enjoyed the companionship, love and affection of her said husband, but she says that on or about said date, or some time thereafter, the defendant, Louise Edwards became enamoured of her husband and that she and her mother, the defendant, Lulu R. Shelby, moved by their evil and designing natures by various acts, devices, blandishments and seductions, constantly and continuously practiced on their part toward her said husband alienated his love and affection for this plaintiff, who was and is his wife, thereby destroying her peace and happiness and wrecking and ruining the happiness of her home; and that by their said conduct caused and persuaded her said husband to abandon his family and to desert this plaintiff and to leave her and their children in helpless poverty and want, and all of which was done by the defendants, Louise Edwards and Lulu R. Shelby, as aforesaid, for the cruel and wicked purpose of injuring and crushing this plaintiff and to her damage in the sum of \$5,000.

Wherefore plaintiff prays for a judgment against the defendants, Louise Edwards and Lulu R. Shelby, for \$5,000, and her costs herein expended and that a general attachment be issued against the property of said defendants, and that their said property be subjected to the payment of any judgment she may recover herein, and she prays for all proper relief.

Trimble & Bell, Attorneys for Plaintiff.
Christian Circuit Court.
Mrs. Emma Merritt,
Warning Order { Plaintiff.
vs.
Louise Edwards and
Lulu R. Shelby { Defendants.

The defendants, Louise Edwards and Lulu R. Shelby, and each of them are warned to appear in this court within thirty days from the entry of this order and answer the petition the plaintiff, Mrs. Emma Merritt, and H. W. Linton, a regular practicing attorney of this court, is appointed to correspond with the said defendants, Louise Edwards and Lulu R. Shelby, and accepts said appointment.

Witness my hand this the 30th day of November, 1912.

By G. E. Lackey, D. C., W. D. Radford, Clerk Christian Circuit Court.

Affidavit.

The plaintiff, Mrs. Emma Merritt, states that her claim in this action against the defendants, Louise Edwards and Lulu R. Shelby is for money due her for the alienation by defendants of the affection of her husband; that her said claim is a just one and that she ought, as she believes, to recover thereon much more than \$5,000, with interest from this date until paid; affiants states that the defendants and each of them have departed from the State of Kentucky with the intent to defraud their creditors and that they and each of them have left the country of their residence to avoid the service of a summons upon them and that they are so concealing themselves that a summons cannot be served upon them, or either of them; that they are a out to remove their property, or a material part thereof, out of this state, not leaving therein to satisfy this plaintiff's claim or the claims of said defendant's creditors; that they are about to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of their property with the fraudulent intent to cheat, hinder and delay their creditors.

MRS. EMMA MERRITT.
Subscribed and sworn to before me by Mrs. Emma Merritt, this the 30th day of November, 1912.

BLANCHE HARNESSE,
Not. Pub. C. C. Ky.

Then follows another affidavit of like import.

An order of general attachment has been issued covering all the real and personal property of the defendants in this city and county and also in Trigg county.

Mrs. Edwards and her mother left the city at 10:20 p. m., Nov. 23, being escorted to the L. & N. depot by Merritt and went north. On the following day Merritt himself left the city going over the I. C. railroad towards Princeton. He told his wife that he was going to see his mother at Paducah but information came to Mrs. Merritt that he did not go to his mother's.

There is much speculation as to where the principals in the affair are at present, the consensus of opinion being that they are in St. Louis or some point beyond that city.

Dr. Edwards left last week for Lexington, Ky.

TOBACCO ASSOCIATION

Held A Meeting At the Court House Yesterday.

The precinct committeemen of the tobacco association met yesterday morning in the county court room. Most of the members were present and reported that nothing of importance was going on in their neighborhoods in the way of selling. Only a few sales were reported and prices ran from \$3 to \$8 per hundred. There are very few buyers in the field as yet as the continued dry, cold weather has kept the weed in a condition that prohibits it being handled.

After getting through with routine business the business of electing prizes for the association was taken up. We were not able to get the names of all the prizetakers that were chosen, the following being all that were furnished: H. H. Bollinger, Robt. Wooldridge, Adams & West and G. W. Barnes.

DEATH OF PATIENTS.

One From Daviess and Other From Muhlenberg.

McClelland Conrad, a patient at the Western Hospital from Daviess county, died on the 29th ult., of cerebral meningitis, aged 41 years. He had been in the institution about 15 years. The remains were shipped to Owensboro Saturday.

H. B. Culbertson died on the same date of tuberculosis of the lungs, aged 29 years. He was sent here for treatment from Muhlenberg county about a year ago. The body was shipped to Central City.

GEN. F. M. BASS
EULOGIST

At the Sacred Session of the Elks Sunday Afternoon

AT THE UNION TABERNACLE.

Interesting Program Carried Out With Large Crowd Present.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the annual memorial exercises of Hopkinsville Lodge No. 545 B. P. O. E. were held at the Tabernacle.

General F. M. Bass, of Nashville, was the eulogist of the occasion and proved to be an orator of the finest attainments. In the absence of Exalted Ruler Chas. M. Meacham, Past Exalted Ruler C. R. Clark presided in his usual graceful and efficient manner.

A delightful program was carried out.

Miss Clara Bonte presided at the piano.

After the opening ceremonies in ritualistic form the following program was rendered:

Introductory Address.....

C. R. Clark, P. E. R.

Male Quartette..... Selected

J. L. Shrode, 1st tenor.

E. W. Clark, 2nd tenor.

Guy E. Barnett, baritone.

Prof. L. E. Foster, 2nd bass.

Solo..... Angel's Serenade

Mrs. L. E. Foster.

Duties Defined..... Officers of Lodge

Sign of Grief..... Members of Lodge

Opening Ode (Air "Auld Lang Syne")

Invocation..... Rev. A. R. Kasey

Violin Solo..... Because from Joseylin

(Godard)

Miss Katherine Burrus.

Introduction..... Judge J. T. Hanbery

Memorial Address..... Gen. F. M. Bass

Nashville, Tenn.

Saxophone Solo..... "To the Evening

Star," from Thanhauser.

S. H. Horner.

Male Quartette..... Selected

Messrs. Shrode, Clark, Barnett

and Foster.

Closing Ceremonies..... Officers of

Lodge.

Closing Ode ("Doxology").....

Audience.

Benediction.

MRS. JOINER DEAD.

Wife Of Rev. Israel Joiner Passes Away.

The wife of Rev. Israel Joiner died Saturday night at her home near Lafayette. She had been in declining health for some time and her demise was not unexpected. Mrs. Joiner was 73 years old. Her husband and four sons survive. The interment took place in the family burying ground Sunday.

Mr. Pate Leaves.

Mr. S. A. Pate left yesterday for Springfield, Tenn., to take the general management of the Glenraven estate of Col. Felix G. Ewing, which consists of farm, mill and general store. Mr. Pate has for several years been steward at the Western State Hospital, a position he filled with great credit to himself and benefit to the institution. He leaves in Hopkinsville a wide circle of friends, who wish him abundant prosperity. He was accompanied by his family.

DAN OWSLEY

Will Lead to the Altar an Arkansas Bride Tomorrow.

Tomorrow evening, at the Christian church in Blytheville, Arkansas, Mr. Dan. B. Owsley will be united in matrimony to Miss Mary Carr, of

Blytheville. Rev. H. D. Smith, pastor of the Ninth Street Christian church, will officiate.

Mr. Owsley was for many years connected with the City Bank and Trust Co., of this city, but for two or more years has been traveling for a Louisville paint house. Mr. and Mrs. Owsley will make their future home in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Sam Owsley came in from West Virginia Saturday night and with his mother, Mrs. Fannie May Owsley, Mr. S. F. Holloway and Rev. H. D. Smith, left for Blytheville this morning.

47 MARRIAGE LICENSES

Issued During the Month of November.

There was quite a revival in the matrimonial line during the month of November, County Clerk Stowe having issued 47 license for month.

On Saturday he issued license to Oliver Crick and Miss Florence Carlton, Morrison Martin and Miss Monie O'Daniel. Yesterday license were issued to Daner Grace and Miss Beulah Faughn, J. A. Vier and Miss Deffer Griffey.

Bass-Cullen.

Mr. Oscar L. Bass, formerly of this city, was married in New York Nov. 27th to Miss Helen Cullen, at the home of the bride. After a stay in the East for some time they will be at home in Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Bass was a widower with several children. One of his daughters, Mrs. J. M. Forbes, lives in this city. He has many friends here. The bride is an accomplished and attractive lady.

Reception In Bride's Honor.

Mrs. R. T. Stowe and Miss Kathleen Stowe will receive at their beautiful home on South Main street tomorrow afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in honor of Mrs. R. T. Stowe, Jr. A large number of cards have been sent out and the affair will be one of the society events of the season.

HEAVY COLLECTION

Of State and County Taxes, Saturday, the Last Day.

The total amount of state and county taxes paid to Sheriff Low Johnson last Saturday was, in round numbers \$14,000. Saturday was the last day to save the 6 per cent. penalty and there was a rush all day long late into night. The total valuation of Christian county for this year is \$11,704,508.

Secret Of A Newspapers Power.

An independent and ably edited newspaper that commands a great circulation is probably the most potent influence for good in the United States today.

The power for the better things in public affairs and policies, for instance, wielded by such a newspaper as The Chicago Record-Herald can scarcely be exaggerated, and much of that strength comes in the case of this leading Chicago daily from the fact that it is absolutely independent, fearless and fair. It is not the mouthpiece of any interest except that of the public. Here is the true secret of the power of the press. No newspaper has very much real power over men and events unless it is known to be standing steadfastly and sanely for the public good—for the welfare of the community and nation—for public honesty and a square deal, whatever happens.

The Chicago Record-Herald champions the cause of the good, the clean, the beneficial in every matter of the city, state or national moment. It is the knowledge on the part of its readers that it cares not whom it hits or what enemies it makes, so long as it is battling for the public good, which gives to The Record-Herald most of the wide influence it wields. This public-spirited editorial policy also permeates its news and critical columns. The most complete and impartial reports of the doings of both great political parties to be found anywhere, year in and year out, will be found in The Chicago Record-Herald.

HOME PHONE
BURNT OUT

Early Morning Fire Destroys Only Automatic Plant in Kentucky.

LOSS SAID TO BE TOTAL.

Cumberland Phone Plant Taking Over the Service Put Out of Commission.

The automatic equipment of the Christian-Todd Telephone Co., formerly the Home Telephone Co's office, was put out of equipment by a fire at 1:30 yesterday morning.

Misses Bessie Baker and Ethel Minish, the telephone girls in charge of the office, responded to what seemed to be a "trouble call" and in a moment the entire switchboard seemed to be ablaze with electricity. One of the girls turned in the fire alarm over a straight line and the other ran down and opened the door for the firemen, who were quickly on the scene and put out the fire, but not until the plant had been practically destroyed in its mechanism. Manager D. G. Edwards says the loss is \$22,000 and is practically total, with only \$8,000 insurance. The Home subscribers are being connected with the Cumberland as rapidly as possible and it is uncertain if the Home service will be resumed, as the same company owns both exchanges.

The automatic fire alarm system is out of commission, but the firemen are being connected with the Cumberland exchange and there will be no serious interference. Mr. R. E. Cooper, President, is out of the city. He will return to-day, when some definite announcement will be made of the plans for the future.

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Purely Personal.

Mrs. R. W. Ware has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. McRoberts, at Lancaster, Ky.

Miss Eula Long, of Madisonville, is visiting Mrs. Will Kimmons.

R. E. Cooper was in Louisville yesterday.

Mrs. Herbert McPherson returned from a visit to Bowling Green Sunday.

Miss Jennie West, who attended the Southern Educational Convention at Louisville last week returned home Sunday.

Miss Bessie Milam, the teacher of Pisgah school, Sinking Fork, was the only teacher in the county who attended the Southern Educational Association at Louisville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Gardner spent Sunday with relatives near Cerulean.

Judge John D. Shaw, of Trigg Furnace, spent several days of last week in the city on legal business.

Mr. Thos. C. Underwood went to Owensboro Sunday, where he delivered the memorial address for the Owensboro Lodge of Elks in the afternoon.

Czarina's Sad Plight.

The Czarina of Russia attempted suicide Saturday after being informed that there was no hope for the complete recovery of her eight-year-old son, the Grand Duke Alexis.

Smithson & Everitt,
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